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MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AFSC/SEFW
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KIRTLAND AFB NM 87117-5671

FROM: WR-ALC/LKJ
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ROBINS AFB GA 31098-1640

SUBJECT: 15mm Pyrotechnic Launcher

1. Previous correspondence and conversations stated that subject launcher was considered a firearm. That decision was based on the information available at the time; however, after having seen the launcher, we have determined that it does not fit the definition of a small arm (firearm) contained in Air Force Instructions 31-209 and 31-207. It does not expel a projectile through a barrel by the action of a propellant nor can it be converted to do so. The launcher was not designed to be used as a weapon and does not fit the definition of a weapon, which is "Any instrument or device for attack or defense in a fight".
2. Since this item does not fit the definition of a small arm, it is not subject to laws prohibiting local purchase of weapons. Therefore, we propose cataloging the launcher in the 1055 stock class (pyrotechnic launchers) as a local purchase item. We would assign security code "J" (pilferable); demilitarization code "D" (item must be completely destroyed at disposal); and ERRC code "N" (no repair due to low cost).
3. Please provide all available technical data for the launcher, such as operating instructions and safety precautions, so we can assist in the development of a technical order.
4. Point of contact at WR-ALC/LKJT is Don Maycroft, DSN468-6747.

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